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TO: Legislative Counsel
Attention: [REDACTED] 25X1
FROM: Chief, CI Staff [REDACTED] 25X1
SUBJECT: CIANO, Edda Mussolini

Attached is a memorandum on Edda Mussolini CIANO as requested by you of Chief RI/DDP. It is noted that this memorandum includes only that information which was referred to in the request. This does not include all the information concerning Subject in RI files.

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Attachment: (1)

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18 November 1955

STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Edda Mussolini Ciano

1. In accordance with our telephone conversation this morning, the pertinent portions of the letter to Mr. Dulles from Assistant Attorney General Dallas S. Townsend concerning Edda Mussolini Ciano and her three children are set forth as follows:

25X1 "It appears from further information contained
25X1 in our files that prior to entering into the contract
25X1 with Edda Mussolini Ciano, a representative of the
Chicago Daily News consulted [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and obtained approval of the contract as well as of the publication of the diaries. It also appears that on January 13, 1945 you acknowledged in writing [REDACTED] that Edda Mussolini Ciano had arranged for you to take photographic copies of the diaries; that she had expressed a desire to make the information available in the hope that it would be useful to the Allied cause in the prosecution of the war and shed a new light on past history; that copies of the diaries would be forwarded to Washington for the information of the Government, together with a copy of a letter from Edda Mussolini Ciano dated January 8, 1945, stating that the material was to be used for official purposes only and that the turning over of the copies was not to affect any rights which she may have had with regard to the eventual commercial publication of the diaries.

"As you know, Section 32(a)(2)(C) of the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. § 32), prohibits, with certain exceptions not material here, the return of vested property to individuals who were voluntarily resident within Germany at any time since December 7, 1941. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would advise this Office of any information which you may have from your own personal knowledge or from the files of your Agency with respect to the circumstances surrounding the Ciano family's stay in Germany from August 27, 1943 until November 4, 1943, and the reasons therefor."

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2. The individuals concerned are Edda Mussolini Ciano, wife of Count Galeazzo Ciano; and their three children, Fabrizio, Raimondo and Marzio Ciano. The diaries referred to are the Ciano Diaries published pursuant to contracts entered into by Edda Mussolini Ciano [redacted] in 1945 with the Chicago Daily News and Doubleday, Doran & Company.

3. Please forward to us whatever information the Agency files may contain. You should include, in addition to the information requested in the last sentence, quoted above, any information referred to in the first of the quoted paragraphs. I suggest that your response be in narrative form, with as many direct quotations and named sources as possible.

4. Since the Director intends to sign the reply to the Assistant Attorney General there is some urgency to this.

STAT [redacted]

Assistant General Counsel

STAT OGC/ [redacted]

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Remarks:

Larry:

The Director has asked that you prepare a reply to the attached, for his signature. He made no comment about paragraph 6 -- maybe you know the answer; if not, suggest that you call him direct.

JSE